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SUBJECT: JSA INCIDENT: MEETINGS WITH JAPANESE, SPANISH AND
UK EMBASSIES

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1. JAPANESE POLITICAL COUNS (MABUCHI), SPANISH CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES (PLAT), AND UK HEAD OF CHANCERY (SLOANE) CALLED
SEPARATELY AUGUST 23 FOR DISCUSSION OF JSA INCIDENT
FOLLOW-UP. AT THEIR REQUEST EACH WAS GIVEN AN ACCOUNT
OF US VIEWS ON THE KPA AUGUST 21 STATEMENTS AS CONTAINED
REFTEL. JAPANESE (MABUCHI) AND SPANISH ALSO REQUESTED
AND WERE GIVEN COPY OF KPA STATEMENTS (UK HAD RECEIVED TEXT
SATURDAY).

2. VISITORS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE
SEEMED CONCILIATORY. MABUCHI ALSO NOTED THAT IT WAS UNUSUALLY
QUICK. ALL QUESTIONED DEGREE OF "PREMEDITATION" INVOLVED
IN INCIDENT AND SLOAN, STRESSING THIS WAS ONLY HIS VIEW,
ASKED WHETHER APPARENT NK EFFORTS TO LOWER TENSION OVER
INCIDENT WOULD NOT WARRANT SOME RELAXATION IN US MILITARY
POSTURE.

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3. EMBOFF RECOUNTED CHRONOLOGY OF AUGUST 18 EVENTS ABOUT WHICH VISITORS SEEMED SOMEWHAT HAZY. RESTRICTED COMMENTS TO GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL.

4. GIST REFTEL ALSO PASSED MOFA, WHICH HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION EARLIER IN DAY.

5. UK AMB BATES CALLED SEPARATELY ON AMBASSADOR AND WAS GIVEN SIMILAR BRIEFING. HE THOUGHT NK STATEMENT UNUSUALLY CONCILIATORY IN TONE AND CLOSEST TO APOLOGY NK LIKELY TO GIVE. HIS SOUNDINGS IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND PARTICULARLY "NEUTRAL" AMBASSADORS INDICATE NORTH KOREA LIKELY BE PINNED WITH RESPONSIBILITY IN SUCH COUNTRIES FOR PROVOKING AUGUST 18 INCIDENT DESPITE EFFORTS TO BLAME U.S.
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